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Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 24, 2003

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The Examiner issued a restriction requirement on February 24, 2003. The Examiner restricted the application into three groups, claims 1-19, 20-27 and 28-45 and requested that the Applicants elect to prosecute either group I, claims 1-19, group II, claims 20-27 or group III, claims 28-45. In response, Applicants elect claims 1-19 in group I for examination at this time.


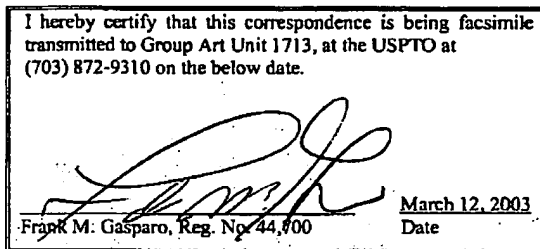
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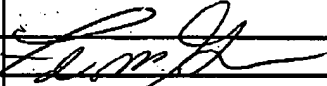
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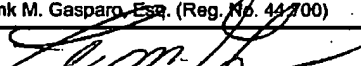
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